a complete surprise to the Russians, who expected that their retreat would be harrassed only by the Japanese cavalry from the wastward.

Saturday moraling one division of Japay noise encountered several Russian Fegiments retreating along the roat to The Pass. The Japanese descended from the bills on the Russians, who attempted to break through the line. After a sharp rengagement, in which the Japanese guis did great execution, 4,000 Russians surrendered with their guis.

The Japanese lost one hundred men.

According to stories told by captured Russian officers and the appearance produced by the troops, the retreat lacks organization, every battallon shifting for itself.

GATHERING AT TIE PASS.

Terrible Slaughter of Russians Kuropatkin Soon to Relin-

quish Command.

(By Associated Press.)

ST. PETERSBURG, March 14.—155 A.
M.—Russia's "grand army," with the exception of the thousands killed or taken prisoners on the plains and monutains around Makden, is gathering slowly behind the fortifications of Tie Pass, which were built as a refuge before the battle of Liao Yang, and is teveriship engaged in the work of reorganization and further strengthening its lines. According to the general staff, the main body has already completed its retreat, and the pear guard southward is falling back slowly, keeping in touch with the pursuing columns of Japanese.

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To the Russian army every minute is now valuable and the foot-sore and disheartened detachments have been given scarcely an iterative rest before being set at work with bads and pick improving the defenses at work with bads and pick improving the defenses at the pass, it may be however, the pass, it may be now they are being turned out those positions. Rumors are current that wide eastward flanking movement, with was begun before the battle, is till in progress, and on the other side it is formed that columns are moving north of Pakuman to take a position in the Russian rear.

General Kurapatich sill holds commend, an afficer of the general staff said tidly the probably will not retreated the columns are resorred. The question of his successor is still undetermined.

Ther are indications that the food suppring the pass hence too large, immense and Russian eorrespondents telegraph that they have had nothing to early in the probably for the probably for an articles having been burned at Mukelm and Russian correspondents telegraph that they have had nothing to early in the probably for the probably for days. The troops, however, probably fared better. The commissional the battle, and even at the height of the fielding the soldiers received warm food.

Telegrams from the Russian side, though indecend as a basis for any detailed estimate of the Russian side, though indecend as a basis for any dening the battle, and even at the height of the sight and from his pleture of a little handful of two divers and 150 may killed, wounded and pribances work and for many killed, wounded and pribances work and the height of the six hundred and pribances work in the battle of the six hundred were sarried of the insertion of the fighting. The exhibit of the six hundred as allows some idea of the losses sustained we there some idea of the losses sustained with the battle of Anticiam are scarcely compa

comparable.
Fifty Thousand Wounded.

General Kuropatkin in a dispatch dated March 19th, says 50,000 Russlans were wounded during the last few days fighting, General Kuropatkin says; "According to reports from the rearguard, a Japanese force, consisting of a division and a half are within

a short distance of the Russian rear

"The second army is marching con-tinually under the fire of the enemy, who is advancing from the east and

west." General Kuropatkin adds that the rear guard advanced in perfect order, but that the movement of the transport along the Mandarin road was very difficult, owing to the Japanese cannonade. The country between Tie Pass and Mukden is intersected by rivers and steep banks, and the Russian wagons were abliged to halt and walt their turn, causing much delay. General Kuropatkin compliments the

Japanese intelligence department.

Japanese intelligence department. Assays:

"Thanks to the organization of their intelligence department and their reconnaissances, the Japanese always knew the positions occupied by our The First Regiment of Siberian

The First Regiment of Siberian rifles had the most serious fighting. They marched under the Japanese fire from east and west, almost continuously. Colonel Loesel succeeded in extricating three officers and 150 men with its colors and one battery. In the battle of March 6th, the regiment lost over 1000 men. lost over 1,000 men.

lost over 1,000 men.
"Reports are coming in of heavy
losses by ther divisions, notably the
Yurler Resiment of the Twenty-fifth
Divisions of which only two officers
and 619 of the rank and file are left."

VICTOR'S SPOILS.

Japanese Report Capture of Enormous Quantities of Stores

(By Associated Press.) TOKIO, March 13-(Evening).-The following report was received to-day from the headquarters of the Japanese armie

"It is estimated that the spoils which fell in our hands in the direction of Sinking (Yenken) since the occupation by us of Tsinkhetchen on February

24th have been as follows;
"Rifles, 2,200; machine guns, 6; small ammunition, 320,000 rounds; shells, 11,-500; entrenching tools, 6,000; wire, 1,200 bundles; materials for a light rallway of thirty-three miles; wagons for the

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is it too early to toll you of our new Spring Top Coat?
Not if you're an "early bird."
Fads may come and fads may go—but the top coat goes on forever—with variations.
A select lot of these sample garments—in clive, tans and a lew with indefinite stripes and check designs. Some of the peculiar patterns we cannot duplicate.

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to the right place.

We are not limited to one or two Hat
Manufacturers. Here you'll find variations in crown, brim and curve that cannot be found at the usual store.

\$2.00 up.



latter, 450; garments, 10 cart loads; coal mining machinery for 8 pits; thinber, 4,000 pieces.

"Besides these, we took large quantities of cereals, fodder, tents, beds, stoves and maps and telephones, as well as a great number of bullocks and lorses.

horses.
"The enemy left about 1,200 dead on the field. We took eighty prisoners.
"It is estimated that the enemy's casualties were about 20,000.
"Fifteen prisoners say that the Seventy-first Division was almost anni-

"Although the enemy set fire to his

"Although the enemy set lire to ma stores at Machuntan and Minupao, we captured thousands of bushels of pre-visions and enormous quantities of ammunition and other war supplies at

WORK OF REFORM.

Zemstuas Demand Representation on Commission Under Imperial Rescript.

Imperial Rescript.

(By Associated Press.)

ST. PIETERBBURG, March 14-1:55 A. M.--In the midst of all confusion incledent to the defeat of the Russian army in Manchuria, there is no pause in the great reform movement. The zemstvos of various governments, at a meeting held in Moseow and, the Moseow Douma Jaive telegraphed the interior minister a request, which is practically a demand, that they be represented on the commission under the imperial rescript and other lecal organizations are preparing to follow their lend.

TERRORISTS ACTIVE.

Lieutenant of Cossacks Mortally Injured-Explosion at Moscow.

Moscow.

(By Associated Press.)

St. Petfersbleng, March 14.—Further terrorist attempts are reported.
Lieutenant Kouloff, of the Volga Cosacks, has been mortally injured by revolutionaries in the court-yard of his home at Kremenchug, it supposed, in rovenge for his snare in suppressing the disorders in Moscow. M. Hoffenberg, chief of police at Minsk, was attacked by a man armed with a revolver, but escaped unhurt. Many officers concerned in the suppression of disorders have received threatening letters.

ters.
Revolutionary proclamations have been discovered at Cronstadt, inciting sailors and deck-yard workmen to fit out the warships, or as an alternative, damage them so as to prevent their sailing. It is runnored that there was an explosion at Moscow last night close to the walls of the Kremlin.

Nearing Tie Pass.

(By Associated Press., TJE PASS, March 13.—The Russians are nearing their Tio Pass position. Japa-ness detachments continue a northward movement from Mukden.

WANT VIRGINIA LANDS.

Department of Agriculture Becoming An Immigration Bureau. Commissioner of Agriculture G. W. Kolner continues to receive inquiries con-

Commissioner of Agriculture G. W. Kolner centinues to receive inquiries concerning farming lands in Virginia. Some of the writers wish to engage in agriculture purely, others wish to raise cattle and hogs, sheep and poultry, and many wish to engage in fruit growing. Many of the writers have had their attention directed to Virginia by reasons of the World's Fair exhibit, and by means of information disseminated there on through the reports of the Department of Agriculture. Virginia is the only State where beef cattle can be lattened for market in the pastures, thus materially increasing the profits.

Among those who wrote to the department yesterday were:

R. C. Jacquith, general delivery, Baltimore, Md., who desires to purchase lands in Tidewater near some river.

Lyman A. Sisty, No. 1420 Monadnock Block, Cheago, who desires to purchase internal lands.

R. Lyles, of Covington, Ky., who desires therature concerning the State and its agricultural resources and possibilities. Among others who have written are:

Prank A. Kerns, Wyoning, Ill., who desires to engage in stock raising and general farming.

B. H. Scott, Zimbroia, Minn., who desires to engage in dairying and stock raising in this State.

Many others simply write for information concerning land various other vegations.

SLEDGE HAMMER BLOWS.

Progress Committee Thoroughly Aroused on Annexation.

Aroused of Annexation.

The interest fin expansion for the city limits will be kept alive by the proposed series of meetings to be held by the John Committee on Progress So far three meetings have been panied for Barton Heights Friday next Chestmut Hill Satisfay, and a Relamon meeting on Monday next. This last will wind up the alless for Greater Raise will wind up the alless for Greater Raise. Every indication points to, a strong demonstration of the joines of the hypercular spirit on that occasion.

Weavers Complain.

Olsy Associated Frees.)

Fill. RIVER, MASS. March 13.—The Coffon Manufacturers' Association to-day head a general meeting to consider the complaint of the weavers concerning the ten idoms system. It is understood that the hill men are disposed to rate the rate of weaving under this system, from 11.22 cents a cut to 15 cents, an increase of about 1 1-2 per cent. Secretary White the least of the Weavers' Union, saft to-day that this would not be acceptable.

That are found it the bit without all the safe was separated by a safe of the head, throat and lungs, and safes complete curses.

A complete curse, A complete suffice consists of about 1 1-2 per cent. Secretary White bottles can be obtained for 50 cents, an increase in the safes of the head, throat and lungs, and the life complete curses.

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JAPANESE MAKE

Deny They Have Violated Neutrality of China and Cite Cases Against Russians.

(By Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, D. C., March 13.—From
the Toroign Orlice at Toklo, the Japanese
legation has received a dispatch Searing
on the report that the Russian Government his again drawn the attention of on the report that the Russian Government his again drawn the attention of the powers with a statement to the effect that the imperial troops were guilty of a glolation of China's neutrality its their as their appearance behind the Russian army in the western part of Fengtien province must have been effected by taking route through Mongolla. "As a matter of fact, however," the Japanese dispatch from Tokio says, "the imperial forces have never passed through Mongollan territory while leasts has long been drawing supplies from Mongolla and always has been sending there disguised or armed troops, which, intimidating native princes and people, have caused them to render assistance to the Russians in the rear."

The dispatch from Tokio points out the following as the facts in evidence:

"First. From the beginning of the war till last July Russia had at Halatokal and Lesserboulon and in Khorchin district under the jurisdiction of prince of Hinta sume 200 soldlers detailed for requisitioning horses and cattle.

"Second. In the latter part of last June a Russian force consisting of seme fifty troopers and artillerymen proceeding from the neighborhood of Tie Ling and Kanyuan, penetrated into the interior of Mongolla under the rule of Prince Pei, taking their route between Chung Chinaton and Kangan.

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taking their route between Chung Chinaton and Kangan.

"Third. In last September a body of Russian solders together with a number of Manchurian and Mongoliun soldiers inder their remploy proceeded westward from the neighborhood of Tlo Ling guarding 300 carts laden with arms and ammunition and passing through that part of Mongolia which is administered by the Prince of Hillut to Paknoshu near Lesserkoulon. At Paknoshu they met with resistance at the hands of the Chinese officials and people and being defeated had the ammunition confiscated by the migistrate of the Chaoyang district.

by the magistrate of the Chaoyang district.

Tourth. On September 15th last 100 Russian troops were despatched from Tie Ling (correct) to Hainseckai, presumably for the purpose of intimidating the aforesaid Chinese officials and people. "Fifth. Since August last from 200 do Russian soldiers have been stationed in the capital town of the Hawalte Hsien or district and they have been going round in the Khorlos district. In Mongolia extending from Chungchiatun to Petun. These Russian soldiers levied supplies, especially eattle and horses, by requisition in the northeast of Mongolia and after bringing them together at Petun, conveyed them southeast, under custody of solders, both by, water and land routes through the Khorlos district. "Sixth. It is still afresh in memory of the general public that Russia had rilles, guns and ammunition, which she attempted to send to North China from Mongolia through Changchiakno or Kalgan confiscated by the Chinese authorities at Kalgan."

CHINA HITS AT JAPAN.

Railroad Forced by Mikado's Army to Carry Contraband

(By Associated Press.)
TIEN TSIN, March 13.—The Chinese allway administration has withdraw the ocomotives and other rolling stock from the line between Sinmintin, Koupangusze and Yinkow.

As told in these dispatches yesterday

As told in these dispatches yesterday, it was the purpose of the authorities to withdraw the service between the places named until further notice, beginning to-day, owing to the insistence of the Japanese military officers that the railway carry military stores.

It is stated in certain high quarters that the Chinese are justified in taking this course, as the high-handed action of the Japanese in endeavoring to force them to violate neutrality by carrying contraband of war left them no alternative, notwithstanding the fact that the loss of revenue will be a serious org, probably resulting in the deterioration of the bonds of the railway.

GREAT MEETING

be Just, and the industries will ask no

Mr. Bryan illustrated his idea of fair taxation by saying that a store on Main Street could be used for all sorts of merchandise and its taxable value was therefore not dependent upon the charbut a manufacturing plant not matter what its output might be, was properly taxable only at its market value as buildings and old machinery. "You should not taxe the brains and

"You should not taxe the brains and industry of the men that make the plant productive," said Mr. Bryan, "for then you are not taxing property, but spirit, the very life blood of numufacture."

Mr. Bryan's suggestions were apparently understood, and certainly heartily applauded.

Dead in Formert

Dead in Earnest.

Mr. A. B. Williams followed Mr. Bryan. Mr. Williams spoke carnestly for annoxation. He said that a city was like a manufacturing plant. If the plant needed more room they annexed even if they had to pay liberally for it. He said that

TO THE PEOPLE OF RICHMOND.

Open Letter from Kind Hearted

Ohioan.

The following letter will be of great interest to our readers. It breathes the true spirit of charity, of helping others. May it do the good that Mr. Carpenter hopes for.

May it do the good that Mr. Carpenter hopes for, "To the People of Richmond; "Although I may be unknown to you, yet I hope my experience will carry the weight that carnestness always should, I believe in doing good to my fellow men, and in no way can I help them better than in pointing out the road to health. Hyoniel, the treatment that cures catarrh without stomach dosing, has done me so much good that I want everybody to know of its merits. I had a very bad case of catarrh, and Hyomel completely cured me. I have recommended it to my neighbors, and they, too, have been cured. Now I wans everybody in all parts of the country to know wast Hyomel has done for me. "GEORGE W. CARPENTER, "Vincent, Ohto."

Hyomel contains the healing balsams that are found in the air upon the mountains, where catarrh is unknown. It destroys all catarrhal norms in the air passesses of the head, throat and lungs, and makes complete cures.

some of the best workmen employed on his paper lived in the county, and although they carned high wages in the city, they spent nearly all of the money in the county, paying taxes there and voting there.

Mr. Williams pointed to the striking fact that though Richmond had twice the number of industries and twice as much business as Atlanta, yet Richmond was crowded into less than half the space. "In other words," said Mr. Williams, "Richmond does twice the work in half the room! Richmond is really spilling over, and we should stop the leaks."

When I came here some years ugo, I

leaks."
"When I came here some years age, I came very hear going away on account of the high rent. The crowded condition of Richmond is driving people away, for it is far more crowded than Philadelphia or Boston.

or Boston.

Mr. Williams said he was in favor of taking in as much as could be gotten at once, so that offizens can und homes for their families.

In Favor of Expansion.

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Dr. Oppenholmer, president of the Board of Health, said he had been heartly in favor of the expansion movement for a long time, From a health standpoint expansion is inboultely necessary. "I find it often the case that on a single floor there are several persons suffering from different diseases and these persons are so closely associated with other persons in crowded houses that other persons like wildfire."
"Unless you have plenty of fresh air, tuberculosis will infest the city and to show how greatly the city is in need of

show how greatly the city and to show how greatly the city is in need of fresh air, I will tell you that one out of every seven deaths in Richmond is from tuberculosis.

tuberculosis, "Again, we must have jurisdiction over the built-up suburbs so that we may be able to care for diseases that are next door to our eity-limits. As it is now, we cannot control a case just outside the city's limits and in many instances pur citizens suffer on this account."

Mr. Bowe Opposes.

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Mr. N. W. Bowe spoke against annexation, but if was clearly seen that his remarks did not interest the audience. His several statements of over-assessment were denied by Mr. Creashaw, who quoted from the records of the City Hall to sustain his position to show that for the past four years property had sold for 25 per cent, above the assessed value. "Thirty-two per cent.," said Mr. E. A. Catlin.

Mr. Bowe stated that Lee District had not been built up, and that if the city needed homes, there were plenty of varant lots in that section without annexing new districts.

cant lots in that section without annexing new districts.

In answer' to this statement Mr. Blake and Mr. Catiln said that lots in Lee District-were worth from \$45 to \$70 per foot. while in Barton Heights, Chestnut Hill and Fairmennt land was worth from \$5 to \$10 per foot.

Mr. Blake, in a very happy speech, said: "It's the speculation in lots in Lee District that killed that part of town. A poor man can't live there. I've lived there for six months, and I've got to move." He stated that he could get from Secont and Broad Street to Chestnut Hill quicker than he, could get from the same

enth and Broad Street to Chestnut Hill quicker than he could get from the same point on Broad Street to his home in Lee District.

"We want homes for laboring men," said Mr. Blake, "You can rent a house in Philadelphia or Baltimore for \$20 per month, for which you would have to pay \$50 per month liere."

Mr. Crenshaw arose and said that Mr. Bowe's arguments were based upon misconception.

Mayor Rose Favors It.

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Mayor John Rose, of Barton Heights, was called upon. He said in part:

"I am heartily in sympathy of annexation. Eyer since I've leem a resident of the county, I've felt that it was to the interest of Barton Heights to be a part of the city. Is it fair to take in the ravine and use it for drainage, drawing all the filth from Elchmond into it?

"I don't know what you think of it, but we think you are not treating us right." think you are not treating us right.

called on to explain why his committee were not in favor of annexing Barton were not in favor of annexing Harton Heights and Chestnut Hill.

Mr. Hottom, in a short speech, said that, perhaps, the best reason was because the city would have to purchase the First and Fifth Street bridges, and that he was of the opinion that it would be very costly to get gas and water to Barton Heights

Mr. Davis Bottom, of the Council, was

Mr. John B. Minor, of the Council, replied to Mr. Bottom, by saying that he was out and out for annexing Battom Heights, and that he did not agree with Mr. Bottom in his contentions. Mr. Minor stated that he believed that the manufacturing plants that would be taken in would be benefited, and he stated that not one owner of such an enterprise had entered a protesting voice to the amexation scheme.

Major L. T. Christian spoke against annexation, and stated that he did not think that Richmond was unhealthy.

Mr. Branch Spaceles

Mr. Branch Speaks.

Mr. John P. Branch spoke at length against annexation. Mr. Branch stated that the death rate was not from lack of fresh air, but from bad food, bad water, bad milk and bad roads. He paid his compliments to Dr. Oppenhimer, president of the Board of Health, by telling him that he (Mr. Branch) knew more about the city's health than he (Dr. Oppenhimer) did.

Mr. Branch made a number of statements that were controverted by various citizens present. He stated that the manager and a larger per cent of the employes of the Locomotive Works were northern men. This statement Mr. Joseph Bryan denled, saying that the manager was born in Alexandria, and that nearly every one of the workmen were from Virginia and North Carolina.

North Carolina.

Amongst others who spoke in favor of annexation were Mr. L. Z. Morris, Mr. Hill Montague and Mr. James R. Gordon.

Favor Taking in All. Mr. Hutzler offered the following reso-

"Resolved, That this meeting of the cit-

"Resolved, That this meeting of the cittzens of Richmond favor the extension
of the city limits."

To this, Mr. Cailla offered the follow,
ing substitute:

"Resolved, That this meeting recommend
the extension of the city limits as recommended by the minority report of the
committee from the Council."

This minority report recommends the
annexation of Barton Heights, Falemount
and Chestnut IIII. together with all other
outlying property between Barton Heights
and the Hernitage road,
The substitute was carried.

It is only fair to say that even those
who voted against the Catlin resolution
were heartly in favor of annexation; indeed, their were but four citizons pre-

were heartily in favor of annexation; indeed, there were but four citizens present out of three hundred or more, who
did not favor the annexation scheme.

The meeting was marked by an enthuslasm that is soldom exhibited at gatherings of such a nature.

From \$s_0\$ to indingifit the audience gave
marked attention to the spenkers, and
there can be no doubt but that the
scheme of annexation and expansion is
firmly fixed in the minis of the men
of Richmond.

Richmonders in New York. (Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
ARW YORK March 13. Martha Washington, Mrs. M. Marge, Everett, L. 1.
Benedict A. R. James: Continentia; Miss.
R. Loone: Welcott, S. D. Perguson, and
wife: Herald Squsye, W. Myers, W. Wellis

set of the Negati may know now my remedy.

The offer is open to every one, everywhere, who has not tried my remedy, those who have tried it do not need the evidence. So you must write ME for the free dollar bottle order. I will then send you an other on your drugster for a full dollar hottle, mandard size and stock as freely as though your dollar lay before him and will send the bill to me. Write for the order today.

The offer collar is though your dollar lay before him and will send the bill to me. Write for the order today.

Dr. Shoop's Restorative

POWERS MAKE MOVE TO STOP SLAUGHTER

after the fall of Port Arthur than after the capture of Mukden

Japan Ready to Act. If the Japanese government were as sured that yeace proposals would be con sidered by Russia, there is authority for the statement that Japan would respond

immediately. immediately,
Officials here expect that by to-morrow St. Petersburg will have fully comprehended the extent of Oyama's yletory
and then will make known its decision regarding the continuance of the war in the face of Mukden's fall.

NEGOTIATIONS DIRECT?

(By Associated Press.)
WASHINTON, Mar. 13.—Convinced that Russia and Japan will both soon succumb to the enormous financial placed on them by the war, a diplomat representing one of the neutral Powers most interested in the final issue has within the last two days sent a conwithin the last two olds sent a confidential message to his government warning it to be on the lookout for a sectored agreement to be negotiated between Russia and Japan direct, providing the preliminaries for a settlement of their difficulties. What it was that prompted

preliminaries for a settlement of their difficulties. What it was that prompted the sending of this missage cannot be learned, but its author is an official all times exceptionally well informed on affairs of state, and in the diplomatic corps. His belief that peace negotiations when they begin will be conducted between St. Petersburg and Tokio direct, finds considerable credence. Indeed, another diplomat expressed the opinion to-day that the field of battle would be the scene of the first negotiations between the belligerents looking for peace.

However secret the negotiations, it is declared that the United States, Great Britain, Germany and France are keenly on the alert for just such a development and would promptly demand the terms of the agreement for their inspection. It is learned that the Chinese government is prepared when the hour of peace comes to call the attention of the Powers to the repeated assurances which at the invitation of the United States each has given of their faithful adherence of the Hay principle, ...t. China's administrative entity must be maintained. maintained.

FORM ALLIANCE?

Gy Associated Press.)

ST. PETERSBURG, Mar. 13.—1:27 P.
M.—The announcement made in the name
of the government in the face of the
overwheiming disaster suffered by General Kuropatkin that a fresh army would
be raised and the war proceed and the
haughtly attitude assumed by Japan may
after all be simply a sparring for posttion which is the prelude of peace. So
far as the public is concerned peace is
the only 3. mg talked of, the sentiment
being that if diplomacy cannot bring the
warring Powers into negotiations, peace
will follow. Many diplomatists believed
that terms acceptable to both are only
possible on the basis not of ordinary
neace which would distinctly guarantee
the position of the respective Powers in
the Far East in the future. It is certain, however, that Russia as yet has
made no moye.

The elements which are trying to force
the Emperor's hand declare the government is now in a corner from which there
is no escape without the support of the
people. There is reason to believe that
some or the Emperor's advisors share this
opinion, and are again advocating the
bold stroke of summoning a veritable
constituent assembly, appealing to the
patriotism of the people and allowing
them to decide the question of peace
or war.

It is realized that this would inevitably

or war.

It is realized that this would inevitably mean a change in the form of government to constitutional monarchy. The newspapers, except the Novoe Vremys and a few others, whose voice is always for war, speak out straight for peace, at almost any price, declaring that all hopes of victory are now buried at Mukden.

FLEET RECALLED.

WASHINATOIN D. C. March 13.—Tho Associated Press has high authority for the statement that the Russian second briefle squadron has been recalled by the Russian Hovernment.

While not resurted us a sure sign of peace the rotail of Admittal Rojestyensky's squadron, in the opinion of European chancelerles, is regarded as a hopeful sign that peace is at hand.

COLDS LEAD TO PNEUMONIA
Laxative Heino Quinks, the world wide
Cold and Grip remails, removes the cause
(Can for the full name and look for sigtanture of E. W. Grove, Sc.-udy,

Weak Kidneys GENERAL DAKER'S To may kidney sufferer who has not tried my remindy 1 offer it full dollar's worth free. Some property of the pr

Gallant Old Confederate Officer Has Been Married Half a Century.

CHILD DIES FROM BURNS

SUPFOLK, VA., March 13.-General and Mrs. I, S. Baker this afternoon and evening celebrated their golden wedding, Phoy were married March 13, 1855, in Salissome of them military friends from t listance, called between the hours of A and II. o'clock. The color scheme was white and vellow.

Confederate General:

There were many gifts of gold, includng purses aggregating several hundred dollars in coin. General Baker was a lieutenant in the United States cavalry at the time of his marriage. When the Civil War began he resigned and was nade colonel of eavalry in the Confedcrate service. At the battle of Brandy Station, where one arm was shattered he was promoted to be brigadier-gen

Henderson. Among their sons is County Sheriff A, H, Baker.

Because of the disputes regarding the object lines in Nansemond River, the Slate Board of Fisheries has ordered Oyster Inspector R. Williamson to have the old Baylor survey changed, and now lines established. Inspector Williamson the old Baylor survey changed, and now lines established. Inspector Williamson said to-day the work will begin to-morrow and will require several weeks for its completion.

Mrs. Jennette Darden died to-day at the home of a daughter, Mrs. A. B. Daughtry, aged eight years. She is survived by three daughters and two sons, reserved.

An Infant Burned.

infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Rhodes, of Chuckatuck, Va., died y as a result of burns received Satolding the child's face and breast to

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Goes to Missouri and Other States in Interest of Jamestown. (Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

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Flizhugh Lee, president, and O. D.
Batchelor, general counsel of the Jamestown Exposition Company, have left here
for Jefferson City, Mo., to address the Missouri Legislature on the subject of ap-propriation for a Missouri building and ex-ablit at the Jamestown Exposition. He will also address the Legislatures of Arkanas, Illinois, Wisconsin, Michi-gan, Pennsylvania and New Jersey.

Mr. Grimmell to Resign. It is understood that Mr. Henry Grim-nell, Jr., member of the Council from Monroe Ward will shortly resign his seat in that body, as he contemplates removing his residence into another ward.

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